



Weekly News

Did you know...?

When Death Came Knocking

The Tremont Obituary Book* makes fascinating reading for so many reasons, but one is to note the unusual causes of deaths in years past.

In the late 1800s and early 1900s, the top of the list included: pneumonia, influenza, tuberculosis, and diarrhea/diphtheria. Heart disease was a major cause of death, and cancer was also mentioned.

Thankfully, scientists and doctors have made great progress with these diseases, all but eliminating most from being fatal. Today, the leading causes of death are heart disease, cancer, COVID-19, accidents, and stroke. Researchers are still working diligently to find cures and preventions for all of these.

In turn of the century Tremont, some of the reasons given for death in obituaries included:

- Consumption – this was mentioned numerous times and is another term for Tuberculosis. Surprisingly, TB cases, once controlled, have been on the rise in the U.S. in the last few years.
- Pneumonia – Many deaths were attributed to pneumonia. Sometimes pneumonia set in after other issues, such as a broken hip. Either way, this disease was considered very serious and often fatal.
- Influenza – In 1918 and 1919, this term also could mean “Spanish flu.” It is estimated that 675,000 Americans died of Spanish flu. Other times, influenza might also have been referred to as “grippe.”
- Dropsy – Now called edema, it is a swelling under the skin.
- Bright’s Disease – Today this is called nephritis – an inflammation of the kidneys.
- Apoplexy – Another term for a stroke
- Blood Poisoning – This is caused by bacteria and other toxins spreading in the bloodstream. It is also called septicemia and toxemia.
- Rheumatism – This is the inflammation and pain in joints, bones, and muscles. Today we refer to this as rheumatoid arthritis.
- Typhoid Fever – This is a life-threatening infection spread through contaminated food and water.
- Scarlet Fever – Mostly found in children, this highly contagious form of strep is a bacterial illness.

Unthinkable tragedies happen today, just as our community has suffered tragedies in the past. These losses were reported in several of the turn of the century obituaries in Tremont – everything

from suicides to farming accidents, train accidents, oil heater accidents, war, and more. There were even murders here.

Scientists have come far in the medical field, but hopefully, one day people will look back at today's obituaries and be able to say, "I am so grateful they have found a cure for cancer...heart disease... Alzheimer's...etc."

One can always hope.

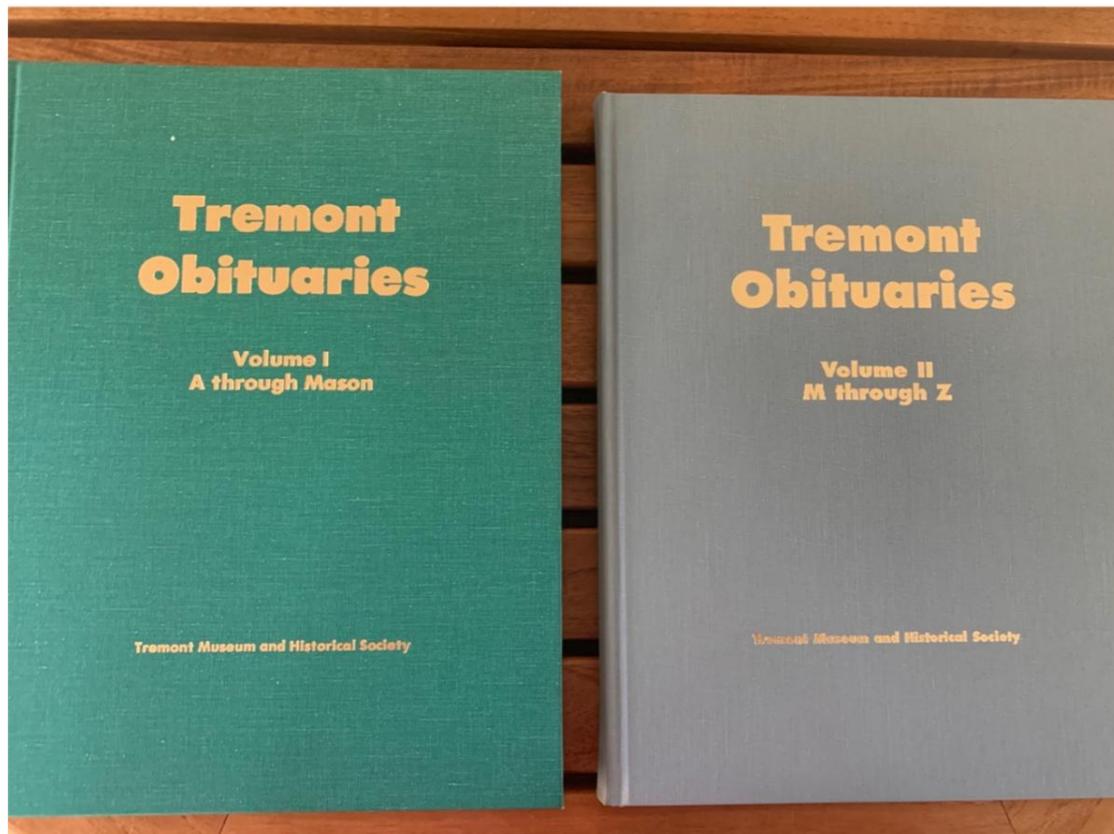
~ Tremont Museum and Historical Society
Lori Fuoss, 2023

Tremont Museum

The Tremont Museum will be open 2-4 PM on Sunday, June, 25. See the special 1950s exhibit as well as the new We Will Never Forget memorial display.

*The Tremont Museum has obituary books for sale. Volume I is "A through Mason" and Volume II is "M through Z." The obituaries that are included range from some of the earliest settlers in Tremont to those who died in 1988.

The price for each volume is \$10.00. Please contact Lorie at 309-840-0094 or Kay at 419-296-2323 if you wish to buy a book.



Tremont District Library News

All Ages Summer Reading - Register Now!

Stop by the library to sign up today! Read and get a chance to win prizes for littles, kids, teens, and adults.

Crafternoons (ages 6+)

Monday, JUNE 12, 2023 AT 2 PM – 4 PM

Summer Crafternoons are back! Join us on Mondays June 5th - July 31st* in the Meeting Room for weekly crafts. Perfect for ages 6+, please plan on staying with your child if they

will need help with any materials. No registration required!

What are we making?

- June 5th - Perler Beads
- June 12th - Friendship Bracelets & Tutus
- June 19th - Shrinky Dinks
- June 26th - Button Making
- July 10th - Bead Crafts
- July 17th - Suncatchers
- July 24th - Paracord Bracelets
- July 31st - Sand Art

*There will not be a Crafternoon on Monday, July 3rd.

Baby and Me (ages 0-3)

Wednesdays, 10:30 am - 11:30 am

New and experienced parents are invited to join Miss Nicole on Wednesday mornings for a parent/baby support group. Meet other parents in the area, make friends, enjoy new toys, lots of books, and a must: free coffee.

The focus of this group is parents and young children ages 0-3, but other siblings are always welcome! No registration required, drop in whenever works best for you.

Story Hour (ages 3-6)

Thursday, June 15, 10:30 am - 11:15 am

Story Hour is perfect for ages 3-6. Miss Maddie reads stories, sings songs and rhymes, and does activities that all encourage early literacy and improves socialization skills in the youngest of library patrons. We know a group setting is new for lots of kiddos this age, so wiggles are welcome! Make Story Hour a step you take in preparing your child for life-long learning.

Any questions? Message us on the www.tremontlibrary.com website, call 925-5432, or email Youth Director Lizzy at tremontlibrary.childrens@gmail.com.

Third Thursday Book Club (adults)

Thursday, June 15, 1:30 am - 3:00 pm

Pick up a copy of this month's book at the library's front desk, and then join us for a discussion on the third Thursday of each month at 1:30 pm!

Meetings are held at the Community Center or in the Library's Meeting room. E-mail Maria, maria@tremontlibrary.com, to get on the mailing list for updates about bookclub.

Minecraft in the Meeting Room (ages 7+)

Thursday, June 15, 2:00 am - 4:00 pm

We started our library Minecraft Realm back in November 2021 and it was a huge hit! Kids ages 7+ are invited to come help it grow! Bring your own device and connect to our library Realm*. First-time participants and their parents will need to sign a Code of Conduct before joining (see more below).

*Devices that work include PCs, Apple Devices, Nintendo Switch (Nintendo Online subscriptions REQUIRED), and a few other handheld devices. Ask Miss Lizzi ahead of time for help if you're unsure of your device.

We have two Realms, a Survival and Creative Realm. Each Realm can host 10 players at a time. Minecraft Realms are a great way for builders to get together and create worlds. Realms are big though, and Miss Lizzi can't monitor every interaction on them. Participants will need to sign a waiver saying they promise not to use bad language, be mean to other players, or destroy others' creations. Parents will need to sign saying that they understand their child will be playing online with other children.

Fine Your Voice Dancing! (ages 4-8)
Friday, June 16, 2:30 am - 3:30 pm

Join us for a playful & interactive dance class where we will learn how to use our bodies & props to express a story or emotion. Local Dance Instructor Jessica Taylor will be our leader!

Perfect for ages 4-8, meet us at the Tremont Community Center.

Illinois Storm Chasers (adults & all ages)
Friday, June 16, 6:00 pm at the Community Center

Have you ever wondered about storm chasers?

Nick Bartholomew has been in the weather industry for nearly 10 years. In those 10 years, he has traveled all across the country to see Mother Nature up close. Learn about severe weather in a fun and engaging program.

A great program fro adults and kids - all are welcome!

Tremont Community Senior Meals

Tremont Community Senior Meals

Lunch is served at 11:00 am every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

You must reserve your seat by calling (309) 674-1131 ext. 231.

Located at the Tremont Community Center (216 S. Sampson St).

Meals are free to all seniors, donations are accepted.

Brought to you by Neighborhood House Peoria
and Tremont Community Share Closet



We are thankful to everyone who has been involved in making senior meals a success so far! We are now looking for volunteers to help make these gatherings even more special in two ways.

First, we would like people to create and host activities with the seniors (think bingo, puzzles and cards), and second, we would like to have people sign up to donate dessert-goodies to add to each meal. If either of those interests you, please email scsoulmanager@gmail.com or call the Share Closet at (309) 929-7095 to sign up!

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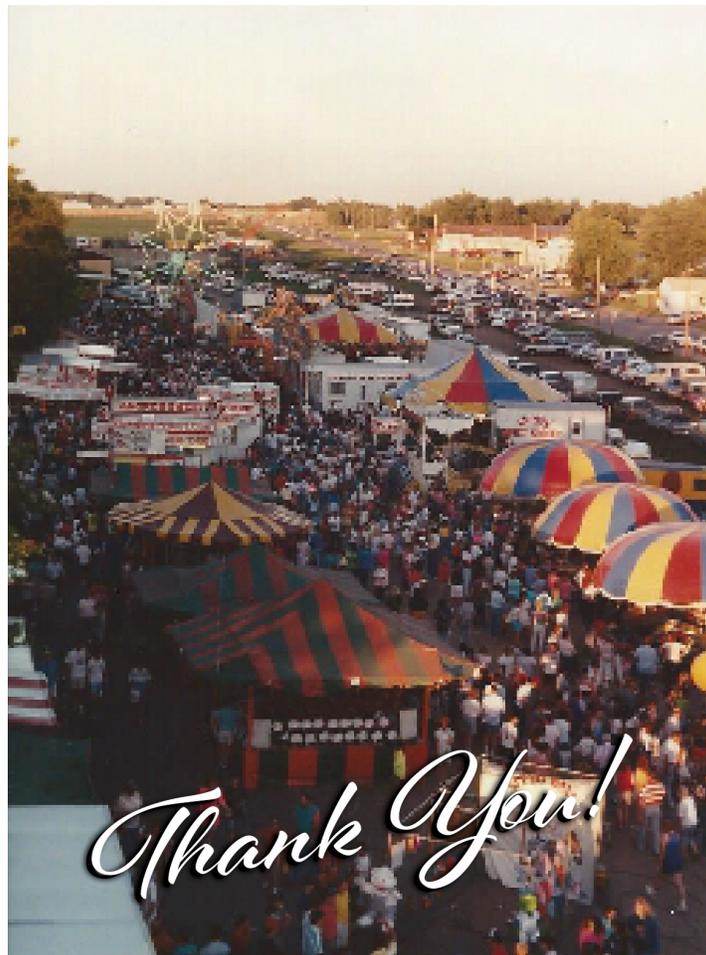
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Around Town



Thanks to all the organizers, volunteers, and attendees for making the 2023 Turkey Festival special!!

Please send us your news stories and they will be included in upcoming emails. Deadline to include information is Friday, 6:00PM for the following Monday.

We accept information from official Tremont, IL businesses, organizations, and advertisers. We will also post Public Auctions and Open Houses.

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